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In Reply, Application of:

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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TRACKING CONDITIONS IN AN ASSAY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 21, 2004, applicants submit this amendment, along with a Request for Continued Examination. In addition, applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time to respond, extending the due date to October 21, 2004. A check to cover the required extension fee is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

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